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WASHINGTON; Jan 3; Reuter -- About 35 per cent of all
diplomats in the United States are trained in intelli
working for the KGB; FBI Director William Webster said
Mr Webster said there had been a recent ''extensive increase''
in the actual physical presence of Soviet agents in this
country.
''There are the traditional sources of information; traditional
espionage; military secrets; matters of that kind....'' he said
on the ABC News program ''This Week with David Brinkley.''
But he added that the major thrust of the Soviet Union and the
Soviet bloc was in the technological area and that they were
now ''busily engaged through their intelligence sources in the
transfer of technology.''
''They (Soviet agents) are reading it in the public source
materials; recruiting employees willing to sell it....We are
talking about proprietary secrets; classified information.''
Mr Webster said the FBI was working on programs to alert the
business community to the risk; which had been ignored in the
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Asked how many KGB agents there were in the United States;
Mr Webster said:
''That's a classified figure; but if you take 35 per cent of
all the diplomats in this country; you'd not be far off.''
''If you measure Soviet espionage on the basis of the number
of intelligence-trained individuals here; mostly under
diplomatic coverage; you see a rather extensive increase in the
actual physical presence;'' he said.
As well; he said; there were other ''illegals'' operating
under different cover but still directly controlled by Moscow.
Mr Webster said he belived there were about 1;200 Soviet
diplomats in the United States.
The Washington Post reported at the weekend that the head
of the KGB's operations in the United States; Dimitry
Yakushkin; was returning to Moscow.
The newspaper said that Mr Yakushkin; who has been a
counsellor at the Soviet Embassy in Washington for the past six
years; was a major general in the Soviet intelligence agency.
Mr Webster; asked if he knew who the Kremlin's replacement
would be; replied: ''No. I haven't been informed. I suppose in

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